

WILLIAM TOTTEN, SEIZED BY CRAMP DROWNS IN RIVER

**Calls to Companion to Bring Boat as
He Sinks Near House of Island
City Boat Club.**

PROMINENT AS BUSINESS MAN

**Introduced the Piano Player and Was
First to Start Taxi Line in
Rock Island.**

Death put a tragic end to a pleasure party last night, when William Christian Totten, head of the Totten Auto company, was drowned in the Mississippi river. He was seized with cramps while swimming a short distance north of summer home of the Island City Boat club, five miles below here. His death came on the day following his 16th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Totten had anchored his boat, the Corona, on a sand bar near the club house. J. Mueller, manager of the New Harper, and Arthur Garwood, an employee of the Totten garage, had accompanied him on the trip. They left Rock Island about 3:30 in the afternoon and stopped at the island about 5:30 o'clock.

Mr. Totten donned his swimming suit and had been swimming for quite awhile before he was seized with cramps. Suddenly he shouted:

"Art! I'm sinking. Bring the boat." Garwood, who was addressed, was in a rowboat about 100 yards below Mr. Totten. He had been paddling around in the river with the skiff. He hastened as fast as he could to the rescue. Mr. Totten arose once but never came up a second time. Garwood kept the boat near the spot where he had gone down and had an oar ready to extend to him should he come up the second time.

It appears that Mr. Totten had started from the sandbar to swim to the island. The distance is not great.

Start Search.

Alarm was immediately sent out. Relatives in Rock Island were notified in a short time. Within an hour there were a dozen launches at the scene dragging for the body. Mr. Totten numbered his friends by the hundreds. Everyone of them who possessed a boat was at the scene assisting in the search.

The hunt for the body was continued all night. Dragnets and grappling irons were used and the river for hundreds of feet around the spot where the body had gone down was dragged. This morning all efforts having failed, the river was dynamited in the hopes of giving up the remains.

The Corona is a 45-foot launch. It was recently purchased by Mr. Totten and was considered one of the finest in point of equipment on this section of the river. Mr. Totten used it as a passenger boat and it was for hire by parties for trips either up or down stream.

The party which he had yesterday when the accident happened was a private one. He had gone out of his accord, inviting Mr. Mueller and Mr. Garwood to accompany him.

Mr. Totten was a lover of the sport which claimed him as a victim. He was always considered a good swimmer.

Native of Rock Island.

In the drowning of Mr. Totten there passed from Rock Island a native of this city, who for years has figured as a leading business man.

He was born Oct. 13, 1874, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. P. Totten. He attended the public schools here and in 1892 graduated from the Rock Island high school. Completing this course and having shown an inclination for music, his parents sent him to the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. He graduated from this school in piano and pipe organ, four years later.

On returning to Rock Island he opened a music store in the Robinson building, which he conducted until he entered the auto business. He was an artist at the piano and pipe organ. He had appeared at various times at many churches in this city in pipe organ recitals.

Seven years ago he founded the Totten Auto company of which he was sole owner. The business was a success from the start. Shortly after opening the garage he entered the taxi business and he had a line of cabs in service day and night. He had the biggest taxi line in Rock Island.

July 26, 1900 Mr. Totten and Miss Marie Lynch of Rock Island were married. Sunday was the 16th wedding anniversary. Besides the widow, he leaves a son, William Phillip Totten, aged 5 years; his father, William A. P. Totten, and two brothers, Tom and Leonard Totten, who were associated in business with him.

News of the drowning of Mr. Totten

HAVE YOUR PILES CURED IN DAVENPORT

**You Can Be Cured Just as Mr. Marolf
Was, Without Cutting or Pain.**

George G. Marolf of Moscow, Iowa, was cured of a bad case of piles by Drs. Kinsey & Allgover's painless absorbent method and writes the following in regard to his case: "I write to state that my piles are cured. I can do all kinds of hard farm work now which I could not do before you cured me. I was told that operation was the only way to get cured but I did not want any cutting. Your treatment was mild. I felt better after the first visit. Worked every day while being cured. Your treatment has the hospital and knife treatment beat a mile. I am satisfied with my results. You may refer anyone to me for information. Thanking you, I am,

"(Signed) GEORGE F. MAROLF," Moscow, Iowa, R. F. D. By our absorbent method, cutting, ligature or burning. We use no injection of carbolic acid or anything else. You can come to our office and be examined free of charge. If you have piles we will treat you on a no-cure-no-pay proposition, money back if not satisfied. We treat both men and women. If you cannot call, write for free booklet. Drs. Kinsey & Allgover, 44 Davenport Savings Bank Bldg., Davenport, Iowa. (Adv.)

HEAD OF AUTO FIRM MEETS TRAGIC END



William C. Totten.

spread like wildfire over the tri-cities last night. Everybody liked "Billy" Totten, as he was known. His acquaintance in the tri-cities was large. This was due to his business activities and to the many characteristics he possessed.

In business he was aggressive and progressive. While conducting the music store he introduced in Rock Island the first piano player. He was the first to start a taxi line in this city.

He gained considerable prominence, not only here but elsewhere, as a composer of music. Being a musician of marked ability, and of a literary turn, his work found a ready market.

His passing removes from Rock Island a good citizen. Hundreds of friends will mourn his death. His home is at 1110 Twentieth street.

When the Train From Rock Island Rolls In

(Cedar Rapids Republican).

Thirty thirsting souls gathered at the Union depot Saturday afternoon to await the arrival of the 4:30 train from Rock Island. A look of great anxiety mingled with anticipation appeared on every face. Now and then lumps could be seen in the throats as various members of the party tried to swallow. Every few moments a husky whisper would rattle in a parched throat.

Finally a whistle sounded and the train pulled up at the station. Not one of the party made for the passenger coaches, but instead they crowded about the express car.

The expressmen worked like demons but to the watchful waiters they acted like persons suffering from paralysis.

At last paste-board after paste-board box was hunted out and between boxes came some of the most hopeful cases seen in Cedar Rapids in months. Most of the latter were in sizes 36 and 24.

Those standing around the express truck crowded closer to read the names on the packages. Joyous exclamations, such as "There's mine," "She came" and "That it," could be heard on all sides.

Suddenly a wall went up from one of the onlookers as the expressman handed out a pasteboard box from which some strange smelling liquid dripped. "That's mine and one's busted," was the cry of anguish that came from between dry lips.

"Take it to the express company and they will pay you for it," was the suggestion made by a sympathizer.

"Pay," was the disgusted reply, "I don't want pay, I want whisky."

HORSES CREMATED IN DAVENPORT FIRE

Six horses were cremated in a fire which last evening destroyed the stable of the Abel Line & Cement company in Davenport. Several auto trucks were removed after the flames were discovered, but the frightened animals refused to be led to safety and were left to their doom.

ROMERO IN JAPAN PRAISES CARRANZA

Tokio—Colonel Manuel Romero, formerly special commissioner of the late President Huerta of Mexico to Japan and now a representative of the Carranza government here, arrived in Japan about the first of June announcing that he possessed credentials which made him minister to the Tokio government. He has not yet been presented to Emperor Yoshihito and until he has the Japanese government will consider Mr. Tellez, the charge d'affaires as the official representative of the de facto Carranza government.

"Mexico is powerful enough to deal with her own affairs at present," Mr. Romero was quoted as saying in the Japanese press when he landed. He went on: "Everything in Mexico just now is in perfect order or is rapidly assuming that condition. Commerce, industry, agriculture, communications and enterprises of many other kinds are all in a normal condition. Reports to the contrary are absolutely unfounded."

"General Carranza's government stands on a firm foundation and has the confidence of the people. No man is more able or better fitted than General Carranza to govern Mexico. General Carranza's government has ample resources to meet all necessary outlays."

"Relations between Mexico and other countries will become more cordial. The Mexican government is on the most friendly terms with the United States government. General Carranza has an army strong enough to subjugate the rebels or bandits. This is the reason General Carranza is now requesting an early withdrawal of the United States troops from Mexican territory."

Kills Wife and Self.

Collinsville, Ill., Aug. 1.—Henry Winters, a wealthy farmer living near here, shot and killed his wife today and then committed suicide. They had quarreled over the use of an electric iron.

WILLIS GRIEVING OVER LOST WIFE

**Desertion of Bride of Six Months Said
To Have Led To Suicide Near
Reynolds Yesterday.**

DEAD MAN WAS A KENTUCKIAN

**Had Visited Brother in East Moline
and Gave No Intimation of Inten-
tion of Ending Career.**

Despondency over the fact that his bride of six months had left him was the cause of the suicide of Robert Willis who shot himself on the Hicks farm near Reynolds at noon yesterday.

Willis and his young wife came to Rock Island county from Kentucky a short time ago, the young man obtaining work as a farm hand. Then his wife tired of the monotony of her life and decided to leave him, it was stated at the inquest. That was four months ago, after they had been married only two months. The young man continued to do farm work in the vicinity of Reynolds, although despondent and discouraged the greater part of the time.

Sunday Willis went to East Moline

to visit a brother, who is employed at the Root & Van Dervoort concern. He left there early yesterday morning, apparently in better spirits than he had been for some time. He shook hands with his brother, saying, "well, so long, old boy." That was the last time he was seen alive by his only near relative.

Returns to Work.

The young man took the 8 o'clock Rock Island Southern car for Reynolds and went to the farm, where he commenced his daily routine of duties. Shortly after noon he took a gun standing in a room of the house, and went to a secluded spot. The gun's report was the first intimation members of the Hicks family had that he intended to kill himself.

Coroner R. C. J. Meyer was summoned and an inquest was held. Preliminary announcement has not yet been made.

**JULY REPORTS BEING
FILED BY OFFICIALS**

Reports of municipal officials are being filed with the commission for the month of July. Appended is the building inspector's report:

Permits issued 16
New dwellings 19
Remodeling 19
Porches 4
Barns and garages 4
Factories 4
Warehouses 1
Shop 1
Steam heating plant 1
Hot air furnaces 6

Total 56
Fees collected \$195.50
Sidewalks, square feet 28,540
Sidewalk fees 128.39
Report of Electrical Inspector Kling: 104
Permits issued 12
New residences 22
Old residences 3
Miscellaneous 3
Additional work 67
Estimate value \$4,500.00
Fees collected 120.10
Report Plumbing Inspector John Joers: 242
Sewer inspections 25
Fees collected \$253



New Price Announcement

The following list prices on Ford Cars f. o. b., Detroit, Mich., will become effective Aug. 1, 1916:

Ford Runabout .	\$345
Ford Touring Car	\$360
Ford Coupelet . .	\$505
Ford Town Car .	\$595
Ford Sedan . . .	\$645

We guarantee that there will be no reduction in the above prices prior to August 1, 1917, but can give no assurance whatever against an advance in these prices at any time.

Our supply of Ford cars is limited and the factory will shut down for about two weeks this month for inventory and repairs. Phone us at once to hold a car for you because at the new prices, you cannot afford to be without a Ford now.

You can get a car at any of our stores listed below if you call at once.

Horst & Strieter Company

ROCK ISLAND

ALEDO

MOLINE

EAST MOLINE
MUSCATINE, IOWA.

FULL SOCIALIST TICKET IS FILLED

**Party Will Make Active Campaign for
Offices in Rock Island County
This Fall.**

NO CONTEST FOR THE PLACES

**Albert Long, Out for Probate Clerk, is
Only Resident of This City in
the List.**

That the socialists expect to make an active campaign for county offices this fall, was made evident today when there was filed in the office of County Clerk H. B. Hubbard a complete ticket. The candidates of this party who are to be voted on at the primaries Sept. 13, will be the same as those on the ballot at the November election, as there is no contest for any of the places.

Ticket Selected.

The socialist ticket follows:
Circuit clerk—J. P. Johnson, Silvis.
Recorder of deeds—Greeley Henry, Moline.

State's attorney—S. D. Marchant, Silvis.
Coroner—Louis F. Haemer, East Moline.

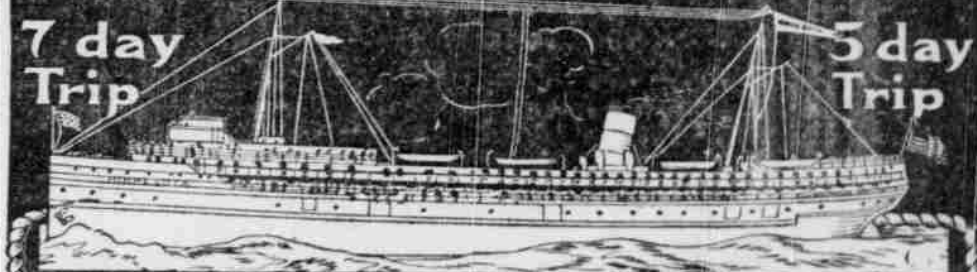
Surveyor—John C. Gibson, Moline.
Clerk of the probate court—Albert Long, Rock Island.

Senatorial committeeman—Louis K. England, Moline.

Kansas Electing Congress Candidates.
Topeka, Kan., Aug. 1.—Voting began this morning in the state wide primary for selection of county, state and congressional candidates. Indications were for a tight vote.

Have you an American flag in your home? See about getting one at the German Trust & Savings bank.

Cruise for Vacation on the Lakes



7 day Trip **5 day Trip**

The Magnificent Steel Steamship "Minnesota" to BUFFALO (NIAGARA FALLS) and RETURN including meals and berth. via Chicago, Harbor Springs and Mackinac Island—returning the "Soo" River by daylight, returning via a portion of Georgian Bay and the scenic Grand Traverse Bay, stopping at all points of interest. **One Way \$14.** During season leaves Chicago Mondays 1:00 p. m. S. J. "Missouri" also makes a special trip each way \$25, including berth and meals. During season leaves Chicago Saturdays 1:30 p. m.

The Elegant Steel Steamship "Missouri" to SAULT STE. MARIE and RETURN including meals and berth. via Chicago, Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Mackinac Island—returning the "Soo" River by daylight, returning via a portion of Georgian Bay and the scenic Grand Traverse Bay, stopping at all points of interest. **One Way \$14.** During season leaves Chicago Mondays 1:00 p. m. S. J. "Missouri" also makes a special trip each way \$25, including berth and meals. During season leaves Chicago Saturdays 1:30 p. m.

The Elegant Steel Steamships MINNESOTA, MISSOURI, MANITOU, ILLINOIS offer unrivaled service between Chicago, Charlevoix, Petoskey, Bay View, Harbor Springs, Mackinac Island, L'Anse-au-Loup, Ontonagon, Frankfort, Glen Haven, Glen Arbor, Island (via auto or connecting steamer from Glen Haven), and Traverse Bay ports, Sault Ste. Marie, L'Anse-au-Loup and Buffalo, connecting with all lines for Lake Superior and Eastern Points. Book of fares and folders mailed on request.

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